

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Homecoming Fosters Community Spirit

A host of activities planned for students, alumni, and other members of the community are sure to make Romulus High School's Homecoming 1998 the most spirited yet. To learn more about the upcoming festivities, see page 7.

### Bake/Rummage Sale

Residents of the Whispering Willows senior-citizen apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road, across from City Hall) will hold their annual bake and rummage sale in their main lobby on Friday, October 16, and Saturday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

### Alumni Baseball

Former Romulus High School students of all ages are invited to take part in the fourth annual Romulus High School Alumni Baseball Game fund raiser, set for Saturday, October 10, at Charley Lau Memorial Field (located behind the High School).

The afternoon will begin with a Home Run Derby at 12:30 p.m., followed by a game at 1 p.m. Players will be divided into teams according to their year of graduation, with "odds" on one team, "evens" on the other. (The "odds" lead the series, two to one.) All players will receive an alumni game shirt, thanks to a generous donation from Leonardo's Ristorante, located on Merriman Road in Romulus. After the game, the Coaching Staff is inviting participants and their families to Leonardo's to enjoy food and beverages, and to reminisce with old classmates and former teammates.

Anyone who would like to register for the Romulus High School Alumni Baseball Game can do so on Friday, October 9 (by calling either Keith Brothers, 942-6852), or Marge Bergman, 941-0272), or on Saturday before the game. Cost is \$25 per person for the game itself, with an additional \$5 charge for those who want to take part in the Home Run Derby. □

## Fire Fails To Cover Evidence of Homicide

By Kristi Stephens

A local house fire appears to have been a cover-up for homicide, according to Executive Lieutenant David A. Early of the Romulus Police Department.

On Monday, October 5, at approximately 6:10 a.m., Romulus firefighters were called to extinguish the flames at a ranch-style, single-family dwelling in the 30400 block of Dorset. There, in the basement, they discovered the body of 38-year-old Christine Duncan, who resided in the home with her sister and her 19-year-old son, Fred Bates.

Duncan's body was transferred to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office, where it was determined that she had died of stab wounds *before* the fire started. Burn patterns led the Romulus Fire Department and the Downriver Arson Task Force to believe that the fire was deliberately set using some flammable liquid.

Romulus police began to suspect the involvement of Duncan's son, Bates,



Police and firefighters suspect that the October 5 fire in this Romulus home was deliberately set to disguise the homicide of Christine Duncan.

when they were unable to locate him or his mother's car following the fire. He was finally caught and arrested on the morning of Tuesday, October 6, thanks to a tip from a citizen who had seen Bates' photo on television.

On Thursday, October 8, Bates was arraigned in the courtroom of Judge

Tina Green at the 34th District Court, where he was charged with one count of first-degree murder and one count of arson. He was then transferred to the Wayne County jail, where he will be held without bond until his preliminary examination, set for Wednesday, October 21, at 9 a.m.

## Metro Airport Information Center Now Open

"Airport Central," a public information center at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW), is Wayne County's newest endeavor in an ongoing crusade to make the airport a friendlier and less confusing facility. A ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, October 1, highlighted the center's grand opening to the public.

"I expect that this will be a very popular addition to the Airport, based on how well our green-vested customer service agents have been received," said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara. "Our passengers appreciate their helpfulness in providing directions and thoughtfulness in providing assistance."

"This service can only be enhanced with the resources available at 'Airport Central,'" he added.

Centrally located between DTW's "D" and "E" concourses, with an inviting blue color-theme, the new facility features interactive displays, models and photos, as well as interesting facts and information about the Airport, its existing services, and its future plans. The County's customer service agents will continue to staff the facility to answer questions and offer assistance to the public.

"We are listening to our customers," said Airport Director David Katz. "Much of the overcrowding and congestion will be alleviated when the new terminal is completed; but, in the meantime, our customers expect and deserve a more attractive and friendlier facility."

Special "Airport Central" features include:

- a model and renderings of the new 74-gate terminal;
- a touch-screen display featuring the Airport's website, as well as links to other websites for airlines, local attractions, Henry Ford Museum, the Detroit Zoo, the Detroit Convention Bureau, and the Detroit Institute of Arts;
- a computer-generated tour of the new terminal;
- a touch-screen video wall highlighting the Airport's growth, expansion plans, neighborhood compatibility program, and wetland mitigation program; and
- all of Wayne County's Airport-related brochures and reports.

While "Airport Central" is a Wayne County facility, its construction was managed by Northwest Airlines in a special agreement. Wayne County-

based Crudo Brothers performed the construction; Detroit-based Madison, Madison International managed the design, display, and signage; and Unique Media Group handled the computers and software equipment.

The popular information tables, which were first activated during the Northwest pilots' strike, will continue operating as satellite "Airport Central" stations.

Other recent and ongoing customer-friendly initiatives by Wayne County and the airlines include:

- tripling the capacity of the Davey Terminal curb front;
- installation of new carpeting and wall treatments;
- rehabilitation of the Northwest baggage claim area;
- renderings of the new terminal displayed throughout the existing complex;
- remodeling of DTW's 65 rest rooms (20 are completed); and
- installation of suggestion boxes.

"Even those customers who don't have the time or need to stop will certainly notice that we are trying," said McNamara. "It is obvious that customer service has moved to the forefront at DTW." □



## Guest Commentary

### Tax Cuts Would Adversely Impact State

By Mary A. Lannoye, Budget Director,  
State of Michigan

The State of Michigan is one of our country's leading industrial centers, with an economy of over \$260 billion. The unprecedented growth of the last eight years has resulted in increased revenues, reduced unemployment, and an economy which is the envy of the Nation.

As the State's Budget Director, I would like to offer some insight into gubernatorial candidate Geoffrey Fieger's tax proposals, which would have a major impact on the people of Michigan.

Mr. Fieger has called for a rollback of the State sales tax of two cents and the elimination of the single business tax. These proposals would result in a devastating loss of funding to the State's \$32-billion budget.

Reducing the sales tax by two cents would result in the loss for K-12 education of \$2.3 billion, or \$1,380 per student. Elimination of the single business tax would result in an additional loss of \$2.3 billion to the General Fund budget. Programs funded by the General Fund – such as higher education, community colleges, Medicaid, mental-health services, and corrections – could experience budget cuts approaching one-third of their current spending levels.

Governor John Engler is not opposed to tax cuts. In fact, he has cut them 24 times, saving Michigan taxpayers nearly \$11 billion in the nineties. But tax cuts reduce income, and that will affect the level of critical services provided to Michigan citizens. Mr. Fieger is a gubernatorial candidate; therefore, his proposed changes must be taken seriously. A careful review of the budget process and tax policy is necessary to ensure that Michigan's educational, human-services, and criminal-justice systems are preserved.

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Mary A. Lannoye

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## **RHS Craft Sale Raised Money for the Class of 2002**

Members of Romulus High School's Class of 2002 and their advisor, Rosalie Berlinn, were pleased with the turnout at their craft show fund-raiser, held at the High School on Saturday, September 26.

"Between 350 and 400 members of

the community showed their support of our students by stopping in, and we truly appreciated it," said Berlinn. "Hopefully, as more people find out about all the wonderful crafters who attend our annual sales, our show will continue to get bigger and better."



Class Advisor Rosalie Berlinn took advantage of the show to offer some of her own wares for sale.



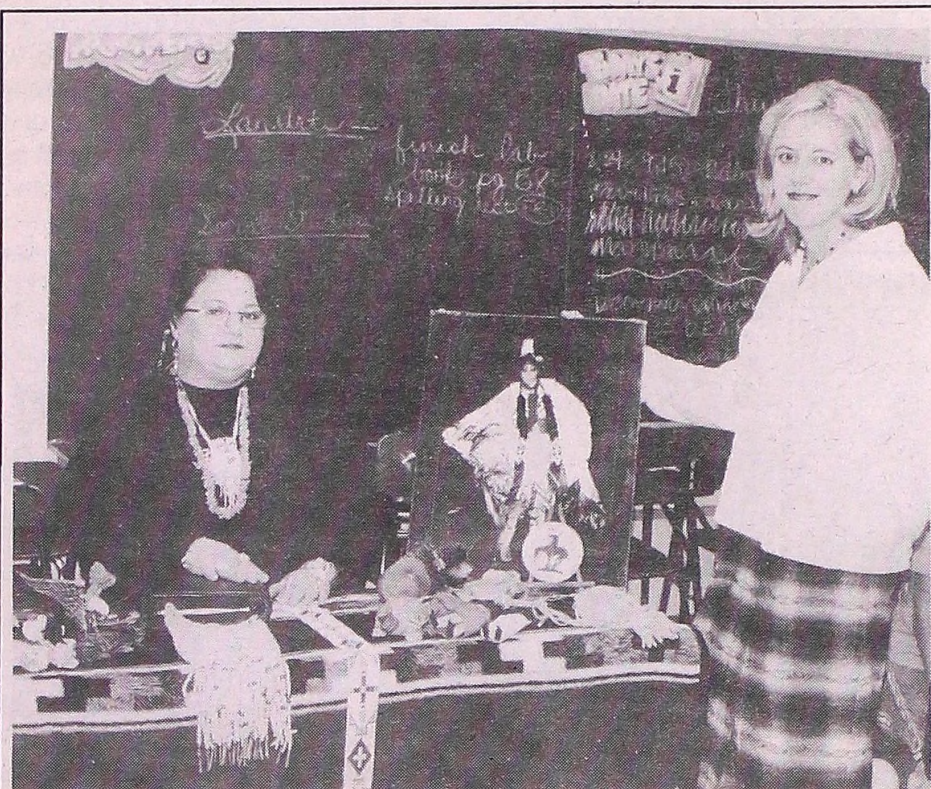
(From left) Assisting customers Amelia Cray and Teri Speer as they shopped at the School Store was business student Tiffany White.



Sponsoring a refreshment stand to raise money for the Class of 2001 were (front, from left) Mellisa Gondek, D'aun Dawson, Jamie Hool, Christie St. John, and Kristin Godard. Class Advisor Kathy Flanigan (back) helped out by supplying some delicious, homemade minestrone soup.



## Barth Students Learn About Native American Culture



Lisa Eischer (right), who teaches fifth-grade social studies at Barth Elementary School, displays a Native American photograph while special guest speaker Ann Miller prepares to address her class.

Fifth-grade students at Barth Elementary School recently began a unit of study about the various Native Americans nations that have lived in this country for many centuries. Groups of two or three students formed teams and selected a tribe, researching information about its homes, traditions, customs, crafts, and other aspects of culture for a written report and oral presentation to fellow students.

Teacher Lisa Eischer was pleased with her students' work.

"The children seemed very interested in the tribes they selected, and obviously worked really hard on their reports."

Students also enjoyed an opportunity to obtain "real life" knowledge about Native Americans when Eischer asked Ann Miller, an active member of the Iroquois nation, to speak to her class.

Miller talked to students for 30 minutes, sharing stories about her heritage, showing students examples of Native American crafts, and discounting several misconceptions and stereotypes about the American Indian.

Eischer believes that Miller's presentation was especially informative.

"Our students were able to see the richness and diversity of Native American culture, and recognize that these cultures are still thriving today," she explained.

Barth Principal Jeffery Royal appreciated the extra effort put forth by her school's fine new teacher.

"With this project, Ms. Eischer has demonstrated her determination to teach a lively curriculum that has relevance and meaning to our students," said Royal. "I applaud her use of such an informative guest speaker." □



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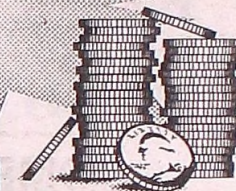
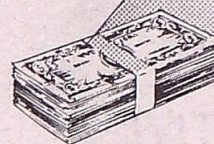
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## "Vacation Maps" Help Barth Students Learn Geography



Jessica Shelton and Kevin Hamilton – sixth-grade students from Barth teacher Rob Baty's geography class – proudly point to their vacation maps made during a geography lesson.

Walk into the foyer at Barth Elementary School any day this month, and you'll be able to see the many states that its sixth-grade students visited over the summer.

Geography teacher Rob Baty used the idea of "vacation maps" to make his lessons much more meaningful and enjoyable.

"Today, students travel all over the United States and Canada," said Baty. "I thought that using a travel theme would be an interesting way to make maps for our geography lessons."

Baty's students made a map of the United States, then used different colors to indicate the state where they

were born and the states that they visited this summer.

Among the students who mapped their vacation trips were Jessica Shelton and Kevin Hamilton. Shelton colored the nation of Canada and the states of Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee, while Hamilton colored his birth state (Ohio), which he revisited this summer, as well as Virginia and our nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

Both students felt that the project was a "nifty" way to learn about the geography of the United States.

Baty proclaimed the study unit a success, stating, "Excellent maps are on display." □

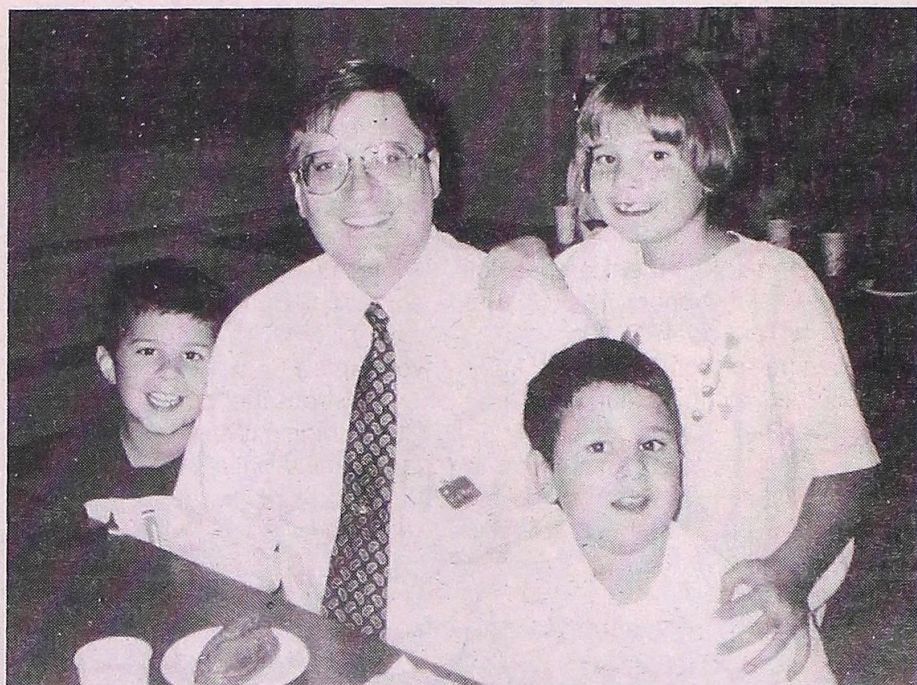
## Students, Seniors Work Together



Fifteen senior citizens and 26 Romulus Middle School leadership students enjoyed a wonderful lunch when they got together in August to plan joint activities. Here, seniors Vi Willoughby and Jackie Pregler talk with Peter Elam, Britany Sawdy, Marissa Wilson, and Lajoya Orr.



## Halecreek PTG Sponsors "Donuts for Dads"



Peter Brink was treated to a donut and juice by his three children, Matthew, Bethany, and Jonathan. Jonathan says that his dad really likes donuts!

On September 17, Halecreek students brought their dads to school for donuts, juice, and coffee. Many students used the opportunity to introduce their dads to their teachers and school friends.

Chris White, President of the Halecreek PTG, hopes that activities such as this will bring parents to school to share special times with their children.

Plans are in motion for a "Muffins for Moms" program on October 13. □

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### DEFINITIONS

1. Sudden, intense fear
2. Long, narrow inlet of the sea
3. Crack or fissure
4. Enthusiastic promoter, as of a school sports team or band
5. Device which produces short bursts of high-intensity illumination
6. French seaport
7. Rich or powerful person; magnate
8. Melancholy
9. Drag or haul laboriously
10. Primary; foremost
11. Having a pleasant or friendly disposition; affable
12. Adjust to produce a proper orientation, as tires
13. Din or racket
14. Rebound which follows a collision; ricochet
15. Wander or ramble
16. Convection made from nuts mixed into a sweet paste of sugar or honey
17. It takes two to do this
18. Biting fly
19. Climb quickly and with difficulty; scramble
20. Mottle or streak with veins of color, as paper
21. Produce a startlingly loud or strident sound
22. Type of Bell or Toys?
23. Saltpeter
24. Sea bird
25. If it's not one thing, it's this
26. Wasp
27. Severe pang or spasm of pain
28. Massive vertical frame used to assemble or service a rocket, especially at a launch site
29. Tall, thin, and awkwardly built
30. Long, often embellished tale

For solution, see page 10

## YOU'LL FIND IT IN "FOOTBALL"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in FOOTBALL? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, poetic words, slang and informal words, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 29 words can be found on page 10

## Homecoming Week Activities Promise Fun for Everyone

Romulus High School's Homecoming 1998 promises to be a week of spirited fun for both students and the community.

At the High School, activities will begin with the election of the 1998 Homecoming Court on Friday, October 9. Court members will then compete for King and Queen honors in a second election, set for Friday, October 16.

A number of special events have been planned in conjunction with Spirit Week (October 12-16) at the High School. Through their participation in these events, students earn points for their class in the fiercely competitive "Spirit Jug" contest. In accordance with this year's Homecoming theme of "Science-fiction Movies," the always popular Dress-up Days will include "Global Warming Day"/"Beach Day" (Monday), "Monster Day" (Tuesday), and "Martian Day" (Thursday), as well as the traditional "Maroon-and-White Day" (Friday). The annual "Pep Assembly" will feature several spirit contests, as well. Finally, in keeping with the School's emphasis on service learning, students will sponsor a penny drive (all money to be donated to a local charity) and an "Adopt an Eagle" project (proceeds to be donated to a scholarship fund).

Kicking off the community-wide celebration of Homecoming at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 16, will be the annual parade, which will follow its usual route (beginning at Romulus City Hall; continuing along Gabriel, Goddard, Neville, and Ozga; and ending at Romulus Middle School, where the Eagles will play Carlson High School at 7 p.m.). This year's Grand Marshall will be Dean Burcroff, a longtime Romulus resident and businessman who is fondly remembered by many former RHS students for

his involvement in the homecoming celebrations of days gone by. Burcroff also is hard at work on the Romulus High School Alumni Association's second annual Homecoming float, which is sure to be as big a success as the one he masterminded for last year's parade. (Note: Willing helpers are always welcome; call Burcroff at 941-0110 if you would like to volunteer a few hours of your time.)

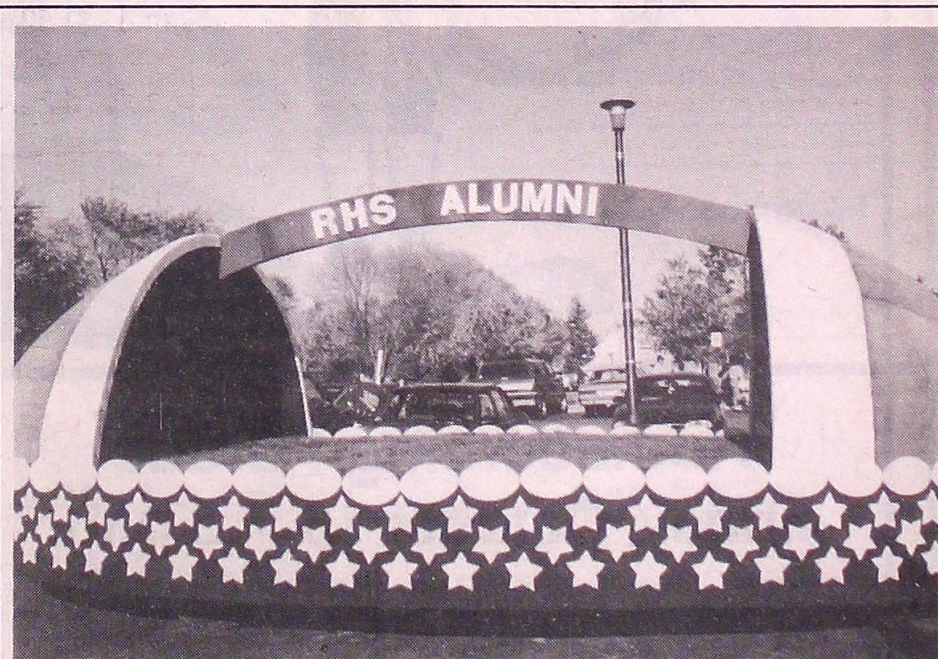
Perhaps the "crowning moment" of Homecoming Week will come during the game's halftime festivities, when the names of the 1998 Homecoming King and Queen will be announced. Winners of the float competition and the Spirit Jug will be announced at that time, as well.

Winding up the week's activities will be the annual Homecoming Dance, set for Saturday, October 17, from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance (students bringing a can of food for donation to charity will receive a \$1 discount); \$13 at the door.

### Alumni Association's Tent Offers Goodies for Former Grads

Romulus High School alumni attending the game are invited to stop in at the Alumni Association's tent (sponsored by the Romulus Rotary Club) to visit with old friends and enjoy some of the group's now-famous "walk-around chili," prepared by Paula Smith and Diane Terry (with a little help from their spouses), and sponsored by Bergeron Enterprises. Spirit items (sweatshirts, etc.) will be available for purchase from Florence and Tom Satterlee.

Paid-up Alumni Association members will receive a special Homecoming gift. If you're not yet a member of the Association, this is the perfect opportunity to join! □



Dean Burcroff and the Romulus High School Alumni Association know that it will be difficult to top last year's float entry in the Homecoming parade, but they're determined to try.



# 1998 HOMECOMING



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## **Homecoming Parade** **Friday, October 16 • 5 p.m.**

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Sperry (Ms. Pluff, fourth grade), Leroy  
Talley (Ms. Walker, third grade), and  
Brandon Zahornacky (Mr. Kessler, sixth  
grade). □

## Romulus Community Schools PUBLIC NOTICE Annual Report

As required by Public Act #25, the Romulus Community School District will present its 1997-98 Annual Report at the regular Board of Education meeting on Monday, October 12, 1998.

The meeting will be held at 36540 Grant Road in Romulus, Michigan, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Copies of the Annual Report have been mailed to each household in Romulus as a special pull-out section of *The Link* (the City-Schools newspaper), and also will be available during the meeting on October 12, 1998.

## Answers

answers to puzzles from page 7  
**LEAPFROG:**

1) fright; 2) firth; 3) rift  
4) booster; 5) strobe; 6) Brest  
7) mogul; 8) glum; 9) lug  
10) leading; 11) genial; 12) align  
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taboo, ballot

# ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

# REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 14, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 14, 1998 was called to order at 7:31 P.M. by President Howard J. Kesner.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

9/98/1 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

9/98/2 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert to approve the Minutes of August 24, 1998, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

#### Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RETIREMENT RESOLUTION: Katherine Carney.

9/98/3 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn to approve the retirement resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Katherine Carney. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

9/98/4 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to approve the retirement resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Nancy Straub. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT: Amy Chapman, Social Worker, Community Middle School, Effective September 8, 1998; Amy Lesemann, Teacher/English, Community High School, Effective September 8, 1998; Mary J. Thomas, Teacher/English/Social Studies, Community High School, Effective September 8, 1998; Christine Trainor, Business Computers, Community High School, Effective September 8, 1998; Gleo Wade, Teacher/Current Events/Sociology, Community High School, Effective September 8, 1998; and Shane Baranek, Video Tech Aid, Romulus High School, Effective September 10, 1998.

9/98/5 Moved by Lambert supported by Dick to approve the employment of personnel as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS: Susan Novara, Speech Therapist, Halecreek Elementary School, Effective September 1, 1998; Dena Jones, Teacher, Community High School, Effective September 8, 1998; and Carole Mason, Paraprofessional, Wick Elementary School, Effective September 14, 1998.

9/98/6 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert to approve the resignations as submitted by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Linda K. Davis.

9/98/7 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi to approve the Leave of Absence for Linda K. Davis, Special Ed Teacher, Wick Elementary School, Effective September 8, 1998 through October 31, 1998. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Bills for Payment

9/98/8 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Auditors' Report: 1997-98

9/98/9 Moved by Lenossi supported by Webb that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and acknowledge receipt of the 1997-98 audit from the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz, and Ziel. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Athletics - Jesse Meriweather

Mr. Jesse Meriweather, Athletic Director, was present, and updated the Board of Education on the status of the athletic department last year, focused on this year, and also outlined major accomplishments. Mr. Meriweather also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

### Revision of Motion - Wage Increase (5/98/4)

9/98/10 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi to rescind the motion of the meeting of May 12, 1998, titled "Resolution Implementing Teacher Wage Offer." Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

9/98/11 Moved by Lambert supported by Dick that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and implement the teachers' wage offer with semiannual supplement payments for the 1996-97 and the 1997-98 school years. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Selection of Delegates - State Board Meeting

Mr. Michael Woods and Mr. Kenneth Berlinn were selected as voting delegates for the State School Board Convention in Detroit.

### Annual Reports - Tom Dolan

Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, summarized the district's annual reports for the Board of Education.

### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience voiced their concerns as they relate to the operation of the School District to members of the Board.

### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Cory - Parent Coordinator, and 2) High School English Presentation.

### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Debbie Dick made reference to the Open Houses on September 23rd. She also commented about the condition of the fields and yards, stating that they could be maintained better. Further, she asked about having water available at the concession stand. Mrs. Dick asked how much was budgeted for retirement. Mr. Carr responded with 11 1/2%.

Mr. Woods agreed with Mrs. Dick that the fields and yards should be maintained better. He also stated that we need a new track.

Mrs. Linda Cook advised the Board of Education of the \$158,000 technology grant that we received.

### Executive Session - Negotiations

Canceled.

### ADJOURNMENT:

9/98/12 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael D. Woods, Secretary  
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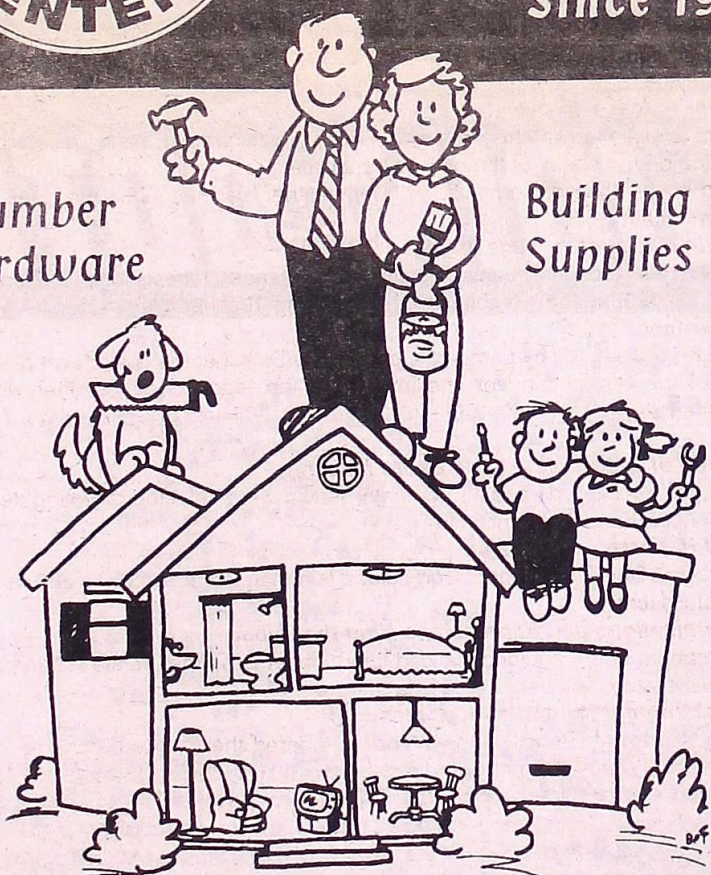
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## Flyers Football

### Game #2: Grosse Ile Devils

The Romulus Flyers "took it on the chin" on Saturday, September 19, when they lost all three junior football games to the Grosse Ile Devils.

For the members of the freshman team, it was another disappointing day. Although they were able to score twice in the game – once on a 60-yard run by Aaron Rollins – the Devils were ultimately victorious, beating the Flyers by a score of 38–12.

Head Coach Steve Bednar said that his troops would be going "back to the basics" in an attempt to regroup after the loss.

In the junior-varsity game, the Flyers fell just short of upsetting the defending JV champs. They took a 6–0 lead late in the first quarter on a long run by Georjon Garland, but were unable to hold onto it. In the middle of the second quarter, the Devils pulled ahead, 7–6, on a long drive that was assisted by multiple Flyer penalties. Then, with about two minutes left before halftime, the Flyers threw a costly interception that was returned for a touchdown to give the Devils a 13–6 lead. Although the Flyers held the Devils in check during the remainder of the game and threatened to score on three different occasions, they could not put the ball in the end zone, and the second half remained scoreless.

Head Coach John Wester was proud of his team's efforts.

"This team has shown that they can play with the best," he said.

In the varsity game, the Flyers took a pounding as the larger Devils squad gave them all they could handle in an overwhelming 38–12 defeat.

"My guys gave all that they had," said Head Coach Art Hebert. "As a coach, that's all you can ask for."

### Game #3: Huron River Yellow Jackets

On Saturday, September 26, Romulus came away with two victories out of three in their games against the previously undefeated Huron River Yellow Jackets.

The freshman Flyers, stymied by the relentless Huron defense, were the only team to succumb. One of the few bright spots of the game was a long touchdown run by Cameron Demps late in the second half, resulting in the Flyers' only score. Although the loss dropped the freshman record to 0–3, the team remained determined as it entered another long, hard week of practice in preparation for game four against Lincoln Park.

In the JV game, the Flyers put together an impressive win as they brought their overall record to 2–1 by beating a

Huron team that had been picked to win it all this year. Things started slowly for the Flyers, who – after failing to move the ball on their own opening drive – fell behind, 8–0, when the Yellow Jackets drove down the field in four plays, then followed with a two-point conversion. But on the Flyers' next possession, they pulled to within two, responding with their own four-play drive that was capped off by a 22-yard touchdown run by James Kendrick. When Georjon Garland scored later that quarter, Romulus took the lead, which it padded late in the second quarter when Robert Anderson's 89-yard run for a touchdown made the score 19–8.

In the third quarter, the Yellow Jackets held true to their nickname by playing very aggressively, scoring during their first possession, then completely shutting down the Flyers' offense. When Romulus did manage to score in the fourth quarter, on another Kendrick touchdown, the Huron team came right back with a TD of its own, bringing the score to 26–20. Finally, with about six minutes left in the game, and looking at third down and eleven, Kendrick went around the left end, breaking several tackles, then ran away from the rest for an exciting 58-yard touchdown to put the game out of reach and give Romulus a 32–20 victory.

Spearheading the gutsy play of the Flyers' defense was Georjon Garland, who led all tacklers with five solos and 11 assists. Coach Wester also praised Philip Roscoe and Robert Staffieri, both of whom played with casts on one hand to protect minor fractures that they had received during the previous week's game.

"You've got to admire the heart of a child who wants to play while injured, even if the doctor says it's okay," said Wester.

The varsity game was outstanding, as the Flyers ground out a tough 13–12 victory to bring their overall won-lost record to 1–2. Romulus took an early first-quarter lead on a long touchdown pass from Maurice Warren to Perry Gray. Late in the second, Gray was credited with another touchdown run to make the score 13–0. Long drives in both the third and fourth quarters resulted in the Yellow Jackets' total of 12 points.

Coach Hebert credited his team's defense for playing its best when it counted the most. Late in the fourth quarter, with Huron threatening to score, Ron Ford picked off a Yellow Jacket pass in the end zone to seal the Flyer victory. Perry Gray and Chris Dew also did outstanding jobs. □



## Volunteers Needed

Adult volunteers from the business, civic, and residential community are always needed and wanted in the Romulus Community Schools. Because the education of children from preschool to high school covers a broad area of subjects and generates a wide variety of student and staff needs, almost everyone has some skill or talent to offer in support of their neighborhood's young people. You can choose to help out as a lunchroom or playground aide, provide classroom assistance and/or supervision, serve as a reading coach or tutor, plan and implement special events, or work at home, grading papers or preparing classroom materials.

For instance, one place that volunteers are needed is at Romulus Middle School, which is in the process of recruiting and training "group facilitators" to work with seventh-grade peer counseling groups. The aim of this new program, called "Higher Ground," is to assist young people with developing leadership skills and strengthening their problem-solving abilities early in their secondary education experience.

Group facilitators can be any concerned adults from the community who can volunteer two hours each week to provide guidance to the peer-counseling group. Training in the group process is available, giving volunteers additional skills for interacting with today's youth.

People involved in this program will enjoy knowing that they are helping young people make the best choices for life. It's a commitment that's only 12 weeks in length, but reaps rewards that last a lifetime. For information, call the Middle School (722-1050) and leave a message for Angelique Jumper. □

## Child Care

The Downriver Guidance Clinic Joining Forces Project is recruiting potential child-care providers for its upcoming child-care entrepreneur training classes, set to begin in late October. The Downriver Guidance Clinic is one of eight sites in Michigan that has been awarded a five-year grant by the Skillman Foundation to increase the quality and quantity of child care in low-income communities through systemic change.

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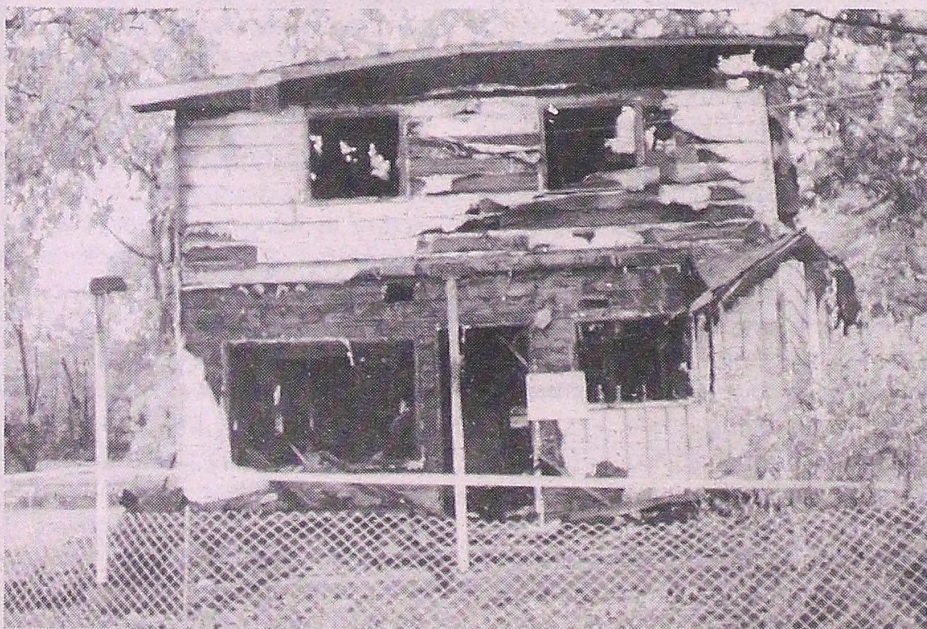
- training classes on child development, business management/business plan, and licensing procedure for home-based providers;
- facilitation of support groups and services for providers; and
- child-care loan programs through collaborative efforts with the Wayne Metropolitan Community Service Agency.

Downriver Guidance Clinic is currently looking for providers in Romulus, River Rouge, and Ecorse. For further information, please call Vivian McNear at 313-388-4630. □

## Erratum

In the August 28, 1998 issue of "the little paper," photos of the "Seniors' Night Out" were attributed to Beverley Sioux-Waller. The correct spelling of her name is Sault-Waller. We offer our sincere apologies for the error. □

## Reward Offered in Arson Case



The Romulus Fire Department is investigating the possibility of arson in connection with a fire that devastated this house on Herman Street. A reward of up to \$2,000 is offered to anyone who reports information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator. Contact the Romulus Fire Department at 941-8585.



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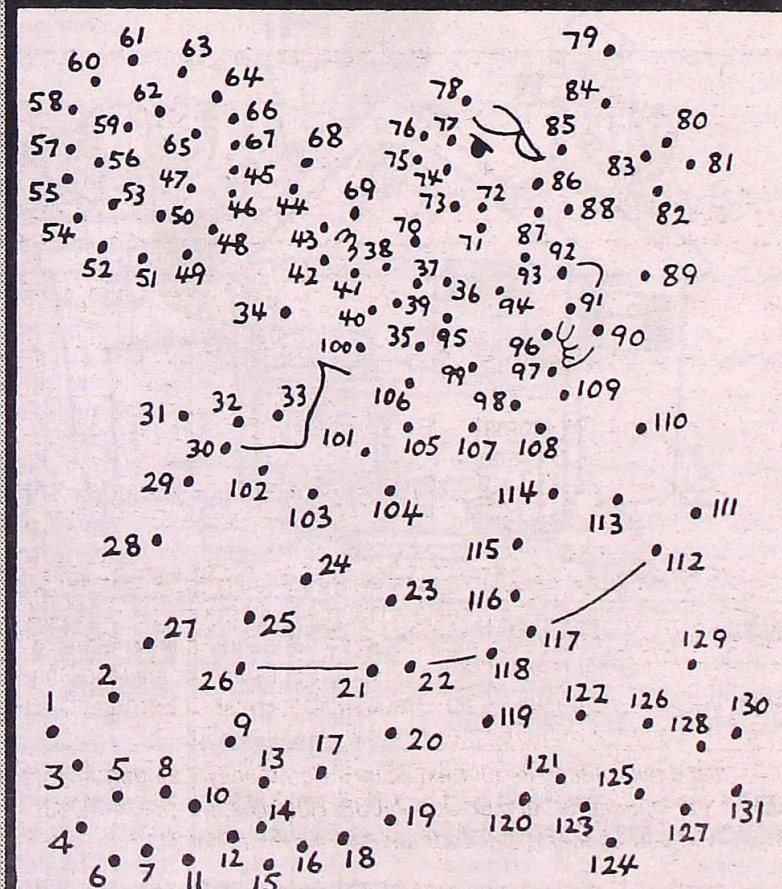
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## Community Calendar

- **PWP Hosts "Autumn Splendor" Dance/Auction** – Downriver Chapter #369 of Parents Without Partners (PWP) invites you to attend its "Autumn Splendor" Dance/Auction at the Taylor Moose Lodge (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard roads) on Friday, October 9, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. (An orientation for prospective members will precede the dance at 8 p.m.) Admission is \$5 for members; \$7 for nonmembers.
- **Preschool Story Time** – The Romulus Public Library's free Fall Story Time program, which begins October 13/15, is for children ages three to five who have not yet entered kindergarten but are ready for independent listening. With its "hodgepodge" theme, the six-week session promises to be a wonderful mixture of stories, crafts, and games that will keep kids coming back. Parents can choose either Tuesday evening sessions (7 p.m.) or Thursday morning sessions (10:30 a.m.). Advanced registration is required.
- **Seasonal Craft Classes** – The Romulus Public Library invites Romulus residents to preregister for one or more of the following one-day craft programs: "Halloween" Theme on Saturday, October 17 (kindergarten through second grade from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.; third through fifth grade from 11:15 a.m. to noon); "Thanksgiving" Theme on Saturday, November 14 (kindergarten through second grade from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.; third through fifth grade from 11:15 a.m. to noon); and "Christmas" Theme/Tree Trim on Saturday, December 5 (open to all ages from 10 a.m. to noon).
- **Other Important Dates at the Library** – The Romulus Public Library reminds parents to mark the following dates on their calendars: Teen Read Week (October 19–25), and Children's Book Week (November 16–22). For more information, contact the Library (942-7589) during its regular business hours.
- **PWP Hosts "Hooray for Hollywood" Metro Dance** – Downriver Chapter #369 of Parents Without Partners (PWP) invites you to attend its "Hooray for Hollywood" Metro Dance at the Taylor Moose Lodge (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard roads) on Saturday, October 17, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dress as your favorite star or in your most glamorous style! Admission is \$5 for members; \$7 for nonmembers. Questions about Downriver PWP membership and activities may be directed to Membership Vice-president George Graff at 313-388-8488.
- **Sumpter Township Hosts Turkey Shoots** – Since hunting season is fast approaching, the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission will host turkey shoots on three consecutive Sundays (October 18 and 25, and November 1) to give avid hunters a chance at some "preliminary fun." The shoots will be held at the police firing range on Willow Road just west of Sumpter Road (the old landfill site) beginning at noon each day. Prizes will include turkeys, hams, slabs of bacon, and cash. For more information, including firearms regulations, call 734-699-5275.
- **Chamber Hosts "Meet the Candidates" Luncheon** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is inviting the public to attend its October 20 luncheon to meet 34th District Court judicial candidates Norman C. Kohlstrand and Brian A. Oakley. The event will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel (31500 Wickham) at 12 p.m. A donation of \$12 per person (checks preferred) is payable at the door. Since space is limited, early reservations are recommended; deadline for reservations is October 14. For more information, contact the Chamber's Executive Secretary, Karan Johnson, at 734-326-4290.
- **Romulus Historical Society Meeting** – The Romulus Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting at the Romulus Historical Museum (11120 Hunt Street, near the Post Office) on Wednesday, October 21, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.
- **Chamber Seeks Nominations for "Person of the Year"** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 19th annual Romulus Person of the Year award. To qualify as a nominee, a person must have made a significant contribution to his/her community in one or more areas. The individual selected as Person of the Year will be honored at an awards banquet in March of 1998. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling 326-4290. Deadline for nominations is December 1.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. Call 313-438-2720.
- **Alumni Information Sought** – Romulus High School is working with the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., to create an alumni directory. The goal of the project is to place all of the current residential and professional information on each of the school's graduates in one place. To make the directory as comprehensive as possible, the current names, addresses, and phone numbers of graduates from all class years are needed. Anyone with pertinent information should either phone (800-654-4548) or FAX (800-829-4142) it to Harris Publishing, or mail it to Charlene Davenport (Publicity Coordinator, c/o Graduate Connection, Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, 22 Koger Center, Norfolk, Virginia 23502).

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,  
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## Recreation Programs

*Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.*

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours.

### Quilters Welcome!

The Romulus Recreation Department is inviting all quilters and "quilter wannabes" to drop in at the Center on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. There is no charge to participate in this workshop.

### Daddy-Daughter Dance

A very special evening has been planned for Wednesday, October 14, when the Romulus Recreation Center will host its annual Daddy-Daughter Dance. The cost to attend this popular event is \$7 for Dad and his first "date," and \$2 for each additional girl. Tickets must be purchased at the Recreation office by Monday, October 12.

Note: If Dad can't make it, ask Grandpa, Uncle, or Big Brother.

### Theater Trip to Northville

Parents are welcome to come along with their child on Saturday, October 24, when the Romulus Recreation Center's bus travels to Northville to see a production of *Annabella Broom*. The \$6.50 cost of the trip covers a ticket, transportation, and supervision. Reservations must be made at the Recreation office by Thursday, October 22.

### Elementary Floor Hockey

A weekly floor-hockey program will begin at all five Romulus elementary schools on Saturday, October 31. Third- and fourth-graders will practice from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; fifth- and sixth-graders will practice from 12 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$10 for kids who participated in fall soccer; \$20 for those who did not.

### Youth Basketball

In November, the Romulus Recreation Department will begin taking registrations for its annual youth basketball program. Leagues for children in grades three through 12 will be formed. Separate divisions for girls and boys will be created, if possible.

### Men's Drop-in Hoops

Adult men who reside in Romulus (proper I.D. required) are invited to play drop-in basketball at Romulus Middle School from 8:30 to 10 p.m. each Tuesday. Cost is \$2 per evening.

### Teen Drop-in Basketball

A drop-in basketball program for Romulus teens (proper I.D. required) continues on Wednesdays (Merriman School) and Thursdays (Wick School). Romulus Middle School students play from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at each site; students from Romulus High play from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$1 per evening.

### Tree-lighting Ceremony

Welcome Santa when he makes his official arrival in Romulus at the City's annual tree-lighting ceremony, set for 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 4, in Romulus Historical Park (located on Hunt Street near the Post Office). Watch for further details in upcoming issues. □

## YWCA Hosts March Against Violence

The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Western Wayne County will host a "March/Rally Against Violence" on October 17, 1998, beginning at 10 a.m. to kickoff the YWCA's Week Without Violence, October 18–24, 1998.

The march will begin at the YWCA and continue in a square – up to Inkster Road, across Michigan Avenue, down to John Daly Road, and back across to the YWCA.

After the march, a rally will be held. Local prevention agencies will be given a chance to briefly state their mission and pass out any literature they have. Awards will be given to students for the most creative expressions against violence (poems, drawings, etc.). Participants in the Rally/March will be treated to a hot dog barbecue at the end of the rally.

Everyone in the community who would like to take a stand against violence is invited to attend.

Any local prevention agencies that would like to participate and have a chance to share their mission should contact Julie at 313-561-4110.

General information and questions can also be answered by contacting either Julie or Laura at 311-561-4110. □



## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

### Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of October: Margaret Haliburda, Betty Jones, Georgetta Lee, Deann Maupin, Margaret Meldrum, Cynthia Semczuk (staff), June Tracy, Gladene Usher, Medodeane Weaver, and Geraldine Westbay.

### Bake/Rummage Sale

Whispering Willows senior-citizen apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road, across from City Hall) will hold its annual bake and rummage sale in the main lobby area on Friday, October 16, and Saturday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

### Basham Hosts Breakfast, Talk

State Representative Raymond Basham will be at the Romulus Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Monday, October 12, to share a "light" breakfast and "heavy" conversation with local seniors. Don't miss this delicious chance to share your concerns with your representative in Lansing and keep abreast of legislation that affects you. Sign up at the Center.

### Bennett Hosts Luncheon, Forum

Senator Loren Bennett will host a spaghetti luncheon at the Romulus Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 16. It's another great opportunity for questions and answers about government and you. Sign up at the Center.

### Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. Reservations must be made by 2 p.m. the day before. Call 942-6852.

### Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); exercise (Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

### Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

### Exercise/Toning

The Romulus Senior Center is offering a free, twice-weekly toning/stretching/exercise class on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:20 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

### Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. (Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about "Meals on Wheels," call 1-800-851-1454.)

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.

- **Best of Branson, Missouri**  
(Mon.–Fri., Nov. 16–20; \$645)
- **Oglebay Festival of Lights**  
(Wed.–Fri., Dec. 2–4; \$288)

### Volunteers Needed

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to home-bound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement. For more information, call Fran Ryder at 326-4441.

### Chore Services for Seniors

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency is now offering a chore service for senior citizens. Since the program is funded, in part, by the Senior Alliance, a donation is requested for services received. For information, call 313-843-2550 or 734-942-6852. □

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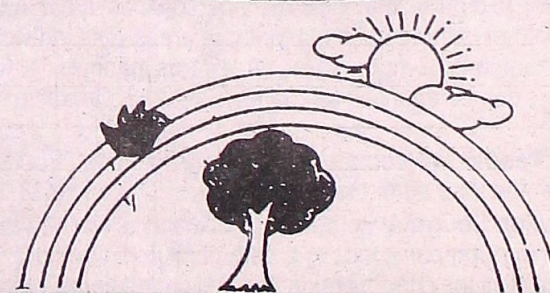
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Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parents \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Maternal Grandparents \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Paternal Grandparents \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

**ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM**

If you, or your parents, are residents of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Bride's Parents \_\_\_\_\_  
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Groom's Parents \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Bridesmaids \_\_\_\_\_  
Groomsmen \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Engagement \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Reception \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Attach any additional information  
concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

# Engagement

**Jenkins/Evensen**

Michael and Michelle Evensen of Romulus are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lynn Evensen, to Chris Jenkins, the son of Larry and Linda Jenkins of Romulus.

The couple, who have been dating for three years, became engaged on Saturday, September 26, 1998.

Both Chris and Jessica have lived in Romulus for 12 years, attending Wick Elementary School and Romulus Junior High before graduating from Romulus High School—Chris in 1996, and Jessica in 1997. Jessica currently attends Henry Ford Community College and works at Murray's Discount Auto in Belleville, where Chris also is employed.

No wedding date has been set.

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# Obituaries

**Hazel M. (Hays) Smith**

Hazel M. (Hays) Smith of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, September 24, 1998, at age 87.

The native of MacFarlan, West Virginia, was born on November 22, 1910.

Surviving Hazel are two daughters, Jo Emerick and Lori Gregway (both of Romulus, MI); three sons, Martin E. (Sonoma, CA), David L. (Melvindale, MI), and Franklin R. Smith (Romulus, MI); one sister,

Helen Hensley (West Palm Beach, FL); nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Pryor H. Smith, as well as two sons, three brothers, and four sisters.

A graveside service will be held at a later date. Interment will be at Hartley Cemetery (Smithville, WV).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

**Betty J. (Pense) Staffeld**

Betty J. (Pense) Staffeld of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, September 24, 1998, at age 74.

The native of Broken Bow, Nebraska, was born on August 8, 1924.

Surviving Betty are two sons, Forrest E. (Wayne, MI) and Harold D. Staffeld (Levering, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Duane (Diane) Thomas (Romulus, MI); one brother, Cleo Hoag-

land (Perry, IA); one sister, Mrs. Thomas (Carol) Sigler (Lake Charles, LA); eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Monday, September 28, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Barney Richardson officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).



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